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Using prepaid services provided by the home network when roaming in a separate network

(57) The visiting mobile switching centre VMSC 12 of a network 4 which does not support prepaid services receives a call request from a roaming subscriber 1. The VMSC then obtains subscriber information including a preferred interexchange carrier (PIC) which indicates whether the subscriber uses pre-paid services. If the subscriber does use pre-paid services the requested call is routed via a dedicated pre-paid switching centre 16 in the subscriber's home network 2. A carrier identification code (CIC) is generated indicating that the call should be routed through the pre-paid switching centre and the CIC information is supplied with the called party number to the home network for call routing. Calls to the subscriber who uses the pre-paid services are also routed via the pre-paid switching centre.

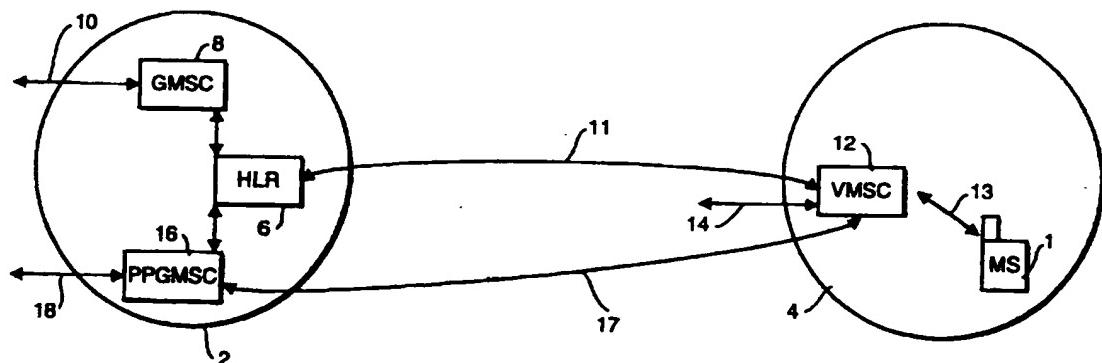


FIG.2

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